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### THE CONFEDERATE REUNION.

Generous Sentiments Expressed in the Report of the Committee on History.

Charleston, S. C., May 13.—With a spirited and at times stormy session, the ninth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans was yesterday brought to a close. Gen. John B. Gordon, commander-in-chief, and all the old officers were re-elected. Louisville, Ky., was chosen as the next place of meeting, and the question of federal care of confederate graves was disposed of by the adoption of a substitute resolution which declines the president's suggestion except as to those graves located in the north and reserving to the women of the south the duty of caring for those in the seceding states and Maryland.



GEN. JOHN B. GORDON.

A Red Hot Debate.  
The adoption of this resolution and the report which accompanied it precipitated a debate which verged on the sensational, and at times much confusion prevailed.

Report of Committee on History.  
Gen. Stephen D. Lee, presented the report of the committee on history, which was unanimously adopted. This was one of the most important matters before the convention, and the reading of the report was listened to with close attention. The report alludes to the war with Spain as a factor in obliterating the shadows of the war between the states, and refers to the prompt response of the southern states to the call for troops as showing to the whole country the depth and fervor of the southern patriotism. Continuing the report says:

Spirit of the American Soldier.  
"President McKinley displayed the spirit of the American soldier when he chose from his former foes the gallant Wheeler, the steadfast Fitzhugh Lee, the chivalrous Butler and many others of our country. These men, marshaling the hosts of the Union. We are glad that Gen. Wheeler had another opportunity to exhibit the fighting qualities of the Confederate soldier, and that Lieut. Hobson, Lieut. Victor Blue and Lieut. Worth Bagley in the navy showed the country of what stuff our young soldiers are made."

Blood of North and South Mingled.  
"Once more the blood of north and south has been poured out together—no longer beneath contending standards in the bitterness of war between the states, but now beneath one flag to the glory of our country. These dead, at least, belong to us all. The last hateful memory that could divide our country is buried with them. About their graves kneels a new nation, loving all her children everywhere the same."

Attending to the question of confederate graves the report says:  
The President's Generous Words.  
"The recent generous words of President McKinley commending the confederate dead to the nation's care, are the expressions of a sentiment growing everywhere, that the deeds of the confederate soldier are the glory of the whole country, and that his memory is worthy to be cherished wherever self-sacrifice commands sympathy, or brave actions strike a responsive chord in noble hearts."

The Race Question.  
The committee also alludes to the race question, and expresses the opinion that "the race problem is not apt in the future to be so blinding to a true apprehension of southern history," and says:

"The recent movement to put the supremacy of the more educated and capable race upon a constitutional and legal basis, thus banishing the specter of misrule from our borders is steadily gaining progress."

The convention adjourned sine die at 2:15 p. m.

W. J. Colquitt, of Atlanta, was elected commander-in-chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. His only opponent was Robert E. Lee, of Virginia.

Southern Baptist Convention.  
Louisville, Ky., May 13.—The forty-fourth Southern Baptist convention was called to order in Warren Memorial church by President Jonathan Haralson, of Alabama. Nearly a thousand delegates representing all southern states, were present, while it is estimated that there are 10,000 visitors in the city, attracted by the convention.

All Exchange Has Been Provided.  
New York, May 13.—The payment of the last installment of \$5,000,000 of the \$20,000,000 to Spain will be made to the National City bank on Monday next. The bank announces that all the exchange necessary for the transfer of this money has already been provided.

Hanged at Washington.  
Washington, May 13.—Edward Smith, colored, was hanged in the corridor of the district jail at 12:07 p. m. He refused to the last to make any confession of his crime.

### FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

Late Dispatches from Gen. Otis Indicate that the Insurgents Are Anxious to Quit.

Washington, May 13.—The following dispatch from Maj.-Gen. Otis, giving the status of the military situation as it now exists in operations against the insurgents, was received at the war department yesterday:

Stirring Dispatches from Otis.

Manila, May 14, 1899.

Adjutant General, Washington.—Situation is as follows: Lawton, from Balanga, has taken Ido Forno and San Miguel to north with slight loss, and driving considerable force of enemy. Gunboats and canoes accompany 1,500 men under Kobbie up Rio Grande river from Calumpit, depart 16th; MacArthur remains at San Fernando, covering country. Yesterday received a messenger from Aguinaldo expressing wish to send commission to Manila for conference with United States commission to arrange terms of peace; directions given to pass a body of representative insurgents to Manila should it present itself.

(Signed) OTIS.

### JOINT MEETING PROPOSED.

Philippine Scouts for Peace—Band of Scouts Capture a Garrisoned Town—Brilliant Assembly.

Manila, May 13.—The civilian members of the United States Philippine commission are favorable to the meeting with a Filipino commission which was suggested Saturday, on behalf of Aguinaldo, by Lieut. Reys of the staff of Gen. Gregorio del Pilar, who came to Gen. Lawton under a flag of truce, bearing the proposal. It is thought by the American commissioners that the idea may have resulted from a recent meeting of the so-called Filipino congress at San Isidro. Definite information on this point, however, can not yet be obtained; though the local Filipino committee, which is in close communication with the leaders of the rebellion, is doing its utmost to secure peace.

San Miguel Captured by Ten Scouts.  
The members of Maj.-Gen. Lawton's band of scouts, under W. M. Young, the old Indian fighter, entered the town of San Miguel, about 15 miles north of Novagaya, not aware of what place it was. They found 200 Filipinos there, but the rebels, taking the scouts for the advance of Gen. Lawton's army, fled, after firing a few shots. Young and another scout were wounded, and have been brought to Manila.

The uniform quiet now prevailing in Manila has led the authorities to relax the rule under which the city streets were cleared, from seven to half-past eight, and last evening there was the largest and most brilliant assembly of pedestrians and people in carriages to be seen in the city since the outbreak of the rebellion. The streets have been known here since the Spaniards left.

Farewell Luncheon to Dewey.  
Prof. Schumann, president of the United States Philippine commission, gave a farewell luncheon to Admiral Dewey yesterday, at which Prof. Dean C. Worcester and Col. Charles Dewey, of the commission, with Generals MacArthur, Mrs. Lawton and others, were present. The health of the admiral was drunk with the utmost cordiality.

### HONORS AWAITING DEWEY.

Will Receive All the Attention He is Willing to Accept en Route Home.

Washington, May 13.—Admiral Dewey's home coming by way of the Mediterranean is likely to give occasion for distinguished honors from the navies of Europe, most of them being represented by extensive squadrons in those waters, and some of them having their chief naval stations at Mediterranean ports.

### The French on the Alert.

Already Ambassador Cambon, of France, has called the attention to the authorities at Paris to the return of Admiral Dewey, and that undoubtedly his probable sailing of his flagship Olympia past the French naval ports in Algiers. These are opposite the British possessions of Gibraltar and Malta, at the entrance to the Mediterranean, and are easy and natural stopping places along that route.

It is hardly expected that the admiral will touch at Toulon, the great naval depot of France. At the ports of French Algiers he will be accorded every honor due not only to his high rank, but to the universal esteem in which he is held by the naval fraternity.

### The British Will Do Their Share.

The British authorities have taken no steps thus far to have the admiral stop at British ports, but it was stated by one of the British officials that Dewey would be assured a most enthusiastic greeting if he stopped at any British station, and that undoubtedly steps would be taken to induce him to touch at Plymouth and Portsmouth.

In any event, it is said, the admiral was quite likely to stop at Malta and Gibraltar, as these are usual coaling places, and this would give an opportunity for expression of British esteem for him.

### War Department Order.

Washington, May 13.—An order of the war department directs that no soldiers will be allowed on dried fruits or fish which were recently made a part of the army ration. These articles were allowed for the purpose of affording variety and for hygienic reasons.

### Bishops En Route to Rome.

Geneva, Switzerland, May 13.—Sixteen South American archbishops and bishops have arrived here, on their way to Rome, to attend the forthcoming consistory.

### AN ETERNAL GLOOM.

Dr. Talmage Pictures the Earth Without the Gospel.

Vividly Portrays the Gloom of an Infidel World—Triumph of Atheism Would Mean Death of Civilization.

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(Washington.)

In this sermon Dr. Talmage gives a glimpse of what the world would be if the Gospel were absent and the human race left without Divine guidance. The text is Acts 2:20: "The sun shall be turned into darkness."

Christianity is the rising sun of our time, and men have tried with the up-rolling vapors of skepticism and agnosticism to blot out the sun. Suppose the angels of malice and horror should be loosed a little while and be allowed to extinguish and destroy the sun in the natural heavens! They would take the oceans from other worlds and pour the waters of the planet earth into the system, and the waters gushing down amid the ravines and the caverns, and there is explosion after explosion, until there are only a few peaks of fire left in the sun, and these are cooling down and going out until the vast continents are reduced to a small acreage of fire, and that whitens and cools off until there are only a few coals left, and these are whitening and going out until there is not a speck left in all the mountains of ashes and the valleys of ashes and the chasms of ashes. A buried sun! Let all worlds wait at the stupendous obsequies.

Of course this withdrawal of the solar light and heat throws our earth into a universal chill, and the tropics become the arctic, and the temperate becomes the arctic, and there are frozen rivers and frozen lakes and frozen oceans. From arctic and antarctic regions the inhabitants gather in toward the center and find the equator as the poles. The slain forests are piled up into a great bonfire, and around them gather the shivering villages and cities. The wealth of the coal mines is hastily poured into the furnaces and stirred into rage of combustion, but soon the bonfires begin to go out, and the nations begin to die. Cotopaxi, Vesuvius, Etna, Stromboli, California geysers, cease to smolder, and the ice of hailstorms remains unmelted in their crater. All the flowers have breathed their last breath. Ships with sailors frozen at the mast, and helmsmen frozen at the wheel, and passengers frozen in the cabin, all nations dying, first at the north and then at the south. Child frosted and dead in the cradle. Octogenarian frosted and dead at the hearth. Workmen with frozen hands on the hammer and frozen feet on the shuttle. Worker from sea to sea. All congealing winter. Perpetual winter. Globe of frigidity. Hemisphere shackled to hemisphere by chains of ice. Universal Nova Zembla. The earth an ice floe grinding against other ice floes. The archangels of malice and horror have done their work, and now they may take their thrones of glacier and look down upon the ruin they have wrought. What the destruction of the sun in the natural heavens would be to our physical world, the destruction of Christianity would be to the moral world. The sun turned into darkness! Infidelity in our time is considered a great joke. There are people who rejoice to hear Christianity caricatured and to hear Christ assailed with quibble and quick and misrepresentation and badinage and harlequinade. I propose to-day to take infidelity and atheism out of the realm of jocularity into one of tragedy and show you what infidelity propose and what if they are successful they will accomplish. There are those in our country who would like to see the Christian religion overthrown, and who say the world would be better without it. I want to show you what is the end of this road and what is the terminus of this crusade and what the world will be when atheism and infidelity have triumphed over it, if they can. I say, if they can, I reiterate it, if they can.

In the first place, it will be the complete and utter degradation of womanhood. I will prove it by facts and arguments which no honest man will dispute. In all communities and cities and states and nations where the Christian religion has been dominant woman's condition has been ameliorated and improved, and she is deferred to and honored in a thousand things, and every gentleman takes off his hat before her. If your associations have been good, you know that the name of wife, mother, daughter, suggests gracious surroundings. You know there are no better schools and seminaries in this country than the schools and seminaries for our young ladies. You know that while woman may suffer injustice in England and the United States she has more of her rights in Christendom than she has anywhere else.

Now, compare this with woman's condition in lands where Christianity has made little or no advance—in China, in Barbary, in Borneo, in Tartary, in Egypt, in Hindustan. The Burmese sell their wives and daughters as so many sheep. The Hindoo Bible makes it disgraceful and an outrage for a woman to listen to music or look out of the window in the absence of her husband, and gives as a lawful ground for divorce a woman's beginning to eat before her husband has finished his meal. What mean those white bundles on the ponds and rivers in China in the morning? Infanticide following infanticide. Female children destroyed simply because they are female. Woman harnessed to the plow as an ox. Woman veiled and barricaded and in all styles of cruel seclusion. Her birth a misfortune. Her

life a torture. Her death a horror. The missionary of the cross to-day in heathen lands preaches generally to two groups—a group of men who do as they please and sit where they please; the other group, women hidden and carefully secluded in a side apartment, where they may hear the voice of the preacher, but may not be seen. No refinement. No liberty. No hope for the life. No hope for the life to come. Linged nose. Cramped foot. Disfigured face. Embruted soul. Now, compare those two conditions. How far toward this latter condition that I speak of would a woman go if Christian influences were withdrawn and Christianity were destroyed? It is only a question of dynamics. If an object be lifted to a certain point and not fastened there and the lifting power be withdrawn, how long before that object will fall down to the point from which it started? It will fall down, and it will go still farther than the point from which it started. Christianity has lifted woman up from the very depths of degradation almost to the skies. If that lifting power be withdrawn she falls clear back to the depth from which she was resurrected, not going any lower, because there is no lower depth. And yet, notwithstanding the fact that the only salvation of woman from degradation and woe is the Christian religion—and the only influence that has ever lifted her in the social scale is Christianity—I have heard that there are women who reject Christianity. I make no remark in regard to those persons. In the silence of your own soul make your observations.

If infidelity triumph and Christianity be overthrown, it means the demoralization of society. The one idea in the Bible that atheists and infidels most hate is the idea of retribution. Take away the idea of retribution and punishment from society, and it will begin very soon to disintegrate, and take away from the minds of men the fear of hell, and there are a great many of them who would very soon turn their world into a hell. The majority of those who are indignant because of the idea of punishment are men whose lives are bad or whose hearts are impure and who hate the Bible because of the idea of future punishment for the same reason that criminals hate the penitentiary. Oh, I have heard this brave talk about people fearing nothing of the consequences of sin in the next world, and I have made up my mind it is merely a coward's whistling to keep his courage up. I have seen men in their immoralities in the face of the community, and I have heard them defy the judgment day and scoff at the idea of any future consequence of their sin, but when they came to die they shrieked until you could hear them for nearly two blocks, and in the next night the neighbors got up to put the windows down because they could not endure the horror.

I would not want to see a rail train with 500 Christian people on board go down through a drawbridge into a watery grave; I would not want to see 500 Christian people go into such disaster, but I tell you plainly that I could more easily see that than I could for any protracted time stand and see an infidel die, though his pillow were of eider down and under a canopy of vermillion. I have never been able to brace up my nerves for such a spectacle. There is something at such a time so indescribable in the countenance. I just looked in upon it a minute or two, but the clutch of his fist was so diabolic and the strength of his voice was so unnatural I could not endure it. "There is no hell, there is no hell, there is no hell!" the man had said for 60 years, but that night when I looked in the dying room of my infidel neighbor there was something on his countenance which seemed to say: "There is, there is, there is!" The mightiest restraints to-day against theft, against immorality, against libertinism, against crime of all sorts—the mightiest restraints are the retributions of eternity. Men know that they can escape the law, but down in the offenders' soul there is the realization of the fact that they cannot escape God. He stands at the end of the road of profligacy, and He will not clear the guilty. Take all idea of retribution and punishment out of the hearts and minds of men, and it would not be long before our cities would become Sodom. The only restraints against the evil passions of the world to-day are Bible restraints.

Suppose now these generals of atheism and infidelity got the victory, and suppose they marshaled a great army made up of the majority of the world. They are in companies, in regiments, in brigades—the whole army. Forward, march, ye hosts of infidels and atheists, banners flying before, banners flying behind, banners inscribed with the words: "No God! No Christ! No Punishment! No Restraints! Down with the Bible! Do as You Please!" The sun turned into darkness!

Forward, march, ye great army of infidels and atheists! And first of all you will attack the churches. Away with those houses of worship. They have been standing there so long deluding the people with consolation in their bereavements and sorrows. All those churches ought to be destroyed. They have done so much to relieve the lost and bring home the wandering, and they have so long held up the idea of eternal rest after the paroxysm of this life is over. Turn the St. Peters and St. Pauls and the temples and tabernacles into clubhouses. Away with those churches!

Forward, march, ye great army of infidels and atheists, and next of all they scatter the Sabbath schools filled with bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked little ones who are singing songs on Sunday afternoon and getting instruction when they ought to be on the street corners playing marbles or swearing on the commons. Away with them! Forward, march, ye great army of infidels and atheists, and next of all they will ut-

tack Christian asylums, the institutions supported by Christian philanthropies. Never mind the blind eyes and the deaf ears and the crippled limbs and the darkened intellects. Let paralyzed old age pick up its own food and orphans fight their own way and the half reformed go back to their evil habits. Forward, march, ye great army of infidels and atheists, and with your battleaxes hew down the cross and split up the manger of Bethlehem. On, ye great army of infidels and atheists, and now they come to the graveyards and the cemeteries of the earth. Pull down the sculpture above Greenwood's gate, for it means the resurrection. Tear away at the entrance of Laurel Hill the figure of Old Morality and the child, On, ye great army of infidels and atheists, into the graveyards and cemeteries, and where you see "Aseleph in Jesus" cut it away, and where you find a marble story of Heaven blast it, and where you find over a little child's grave "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me" substitute the words "delusion" and "sham," and where you find an angel in marble strike off the wings, and when you come to a family vault chisel on the door: "Dead once, dead forever."

But on, ye great army of infidels and atheists, on! They will attempt to scale Heaven. There are heights to be taken. Pile hill on hill and Pelion upon Ossa, and then they hoist the ladders against the walls of Heaven. On and on until they blow up the foundations of Jasper and the gates of pearl. They charge up the steep. Now they find the throne of Him who liveth forever and ever. They would take down from their high place the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost. "Down with them!" they say. "Down with them from the throne!" they say. "Down forever! Down out of sight! He is not God. He has no right to sit there. Down with Him! Down with Christ!"

A world without a head, a universe without a king. Orphan constellations. Fatherless galaxies. Anarchy supreme. A dethroned Jehovah. An assassinated God. Patriarchate, regicide,icide. That is what they mean. That is what they will have if they can. I say, if they can. Civilization hurled back into barbarism and semibarbarism driven back into Hottentot savagery. The wheel of progress turned the other way and turned toward the dark ages. The clock of the centuries put back 2,000 years. Go back, you Sandwich islands, from your schools and from your colleges and from your reformed condition to what you were in 1820, when the missionaries first came. Call home the 300 missionaries from Africa and overthrow their 2,000 schools, where they are trying to educate the heathen, and scatter the 140,000 little children that they have gathered out of barbarism into civilization. Obliterate all the work of Dr. Duff in India, of David Abell in China, of Dr. Ross in Greece, of Judson in Burma, of David Brainerd amid the American aborigines, and send home the 3,000 missionaries of the cross who are toiling in foreign lands, toiling for Christ's sake, toiling themselves into the grave. Tell these 3,000 men of God that they are of no account. Send home the missionaries who are delecting the bodies as well as the souls of the dying nations. Go home, London Missionary society. Go home, American board of foreign missions. Go home, ye Moravians, and relinquish back into darkness and squallor and gloom the nations whom you have begun to lift.

Oh, my friends, there has never been such a nefarious plot on earth as that which infidelity and atheism have planned. We were shocked a few years ago because of the attempt to blow up the Parliament houses in London. Infidelity and atheism succeed in their attempt they will dynamite a world. Let them have their full way, and this world will be a habitation of three rooms—a habitation with just three rooms, the one a madhouse, another a lazaretto, the other penitentiary. These infidel bands of music have only just begun their concert—yea, they have only been stringing up their instruments. I to-day put before you their whole programme from beginning unto close. In the theater the tragedy comes first and the farce afterward, but in this infidel drama of death the farce comes first and the tragedy afterward. And in the former atheists and infidels laugh and mock, but in the latter God himself will laugh and mock. He says so. "I will laugh at their squintings and mock when their fear cometh."

At the beginning God said: "Let there be light," and light was, and light is, and light shall be. So Christianity is rolling on, and it is going to warm all nations, and all nations are to bask in its light. Men may shut the window blinds so they cannot see it, or they may smoke the pipe of speculation until they are shadowed under their own vaporing, but the Lord God is the sun! This white light of the Gospel made up of all the beautiful colors of earth and Heaven—violet plucked from amid the spring grass, and the indigo of the south over jungles, and the blue of the skies, and the green of the foliage, and the yellow of the autumnal woods, and the orange of the southern groves, and the red of the sunsets. All the beauties of earth and Heaven brought out by this spiritual spectrum. Great Britain is going to take all Europe for God. The United States are going to take America for God. Both of them together will take all Asia for God. All three of them will take Africa for God. "Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain." "Take ye the Lord's name in vain." "Halleluiah, amen!"

### He Was a Real Boy.

Lady (who is about to move to neighbor's little boy)—And what will you do when I go away, Sammy, and leave no one in the house?  
Sammy—Break all the windows—Harlem Life.

He was a real boy.